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SUBJ: URUGUAY PUBLIC AND PRESS REACTION TO UNESCO

VOTE ON ISRAEL AND TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION MOVES

PARIS FOR NESCO

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1. SUMMARY: URUGUAYAN PUBLIC, INsofar AS KNOWN, AND
PRESS REACTION TO THE UNESCO DECISION TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL
FROM ITS REGIONAL PROGRAMS HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY CRITICAL.
THE NATION'S MOST WIDELY READ DAILY COMMENTED EDITORIALY,
TYING TOGETHER THE UNESCO DECISION, THE QUITO MFM
AND THE UN VOTE ON THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZA-
TION (PLO) AND CONCLUDING THAT BAD MOVES ON EVERY SIDE
MAY SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE GOU, THE UNESCO
DECISION COINCIDED WITH A VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST
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BY FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO WHO APPARENTLY WAS TRYING

TO OBTAIN OIL AND/OR OTHER ASSISTANCE FROM THE ARABS,
PUTTING THE ADMINISTRATION SQUARELY IN THE MIDDLE
BETWEEN PUBLIC OPINION AND ECONOMIC NEEDS.

2. UNESCO'S ELIMINATION OF ISRAEL FROM REGIONAL
PROGRAMS HAS BROUGHT A WAVE OF HEATED PROTEST IN
URUGUAY. THE PRESS OF NOVEMBER 23 CARRIED THE TEXT
OF A CABLE OF PROTEST SENT TO THE UNESCO DIRECTOR
GENERAL BY A GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED URUGUAYAN SCHOLARS
AND SCIENTISTS, INCLUDING THREE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTERS,
FORMER MEMBERS OF THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
FORMER URUGUAYAN DELEGATES TO THE UN. THE CABLE
TERMED UNESCO'S ACTION A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE
"OBJECTIVES, CONSTITUTION AND SPIRIT OF UNESCO" AND
A "PERVERSION OF THE IDEALS OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD".

3. THE MONTEVIDEO PRESS PICKED UP THE THEME WITH AT
LEAST ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR MONTEVIDEOH
BDAILIES
CARRYING EDITORIALS CRITICAL OF THE UNESCO AND/OR PLO
DECISIONS EVERY DAY SINCE. EL PAIS, THE NATION'S
MOST WIDELY READ DAILY, ON NOVEMBER 25 AND 26, WENT
BEYOND THE UNESCO VOTE TO COMMENT ON WHAT IT TERMED
"THE CRISIS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS". IT
EDITORS CRITICIZED (1) THE QUITO MFM-FOR HAVING
WASTED TIME DISCUSSING CUBA WHILE THE HEMISPHERE
GRAPPLIES WITH A GRAVE ECONOMIC CRISIS, (2) UNESCO-
FOR HAVING CLOSED THE DOORS TO ISRAEL WHILE THE ARABS
WHO SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION CONTINUE TO CAUSE A
WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC DISRUPTION WITH THEIR OIL PRICING
POLICIES, AND, (3) THE UNGA-FOR HAVING RECOGNIZED
THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BROUGHT
"EPISODES OF VIOLENCE, DYNAMTING, KIDNAPPING OF HOSTAGES AND
BARBAROUS TERRORIST ATTACKS ON ISRAELI TOWNS AND
SCHOOLS." EL PAIS COMMENTED EDITORIALY ON OV 25,
"IT IS SAID THAT...INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE
APPROACHING THE BEGINNING OF THE END, PARALLELING
THE CRISIS OF THE OLD LEAGUE OF NATIONS." IT CONCLUDED,
"...THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS WHICH WOULD GIVE GROUNDS
FOR OPTIMISM.

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4. COMMENT: UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE GOU, THE UNSCO
AFFAIR COINCIDED WITH RELEASE OF THE PLO-INSPIRED
WIRE SERVICE STORIES TO THE EFFECT THAT FONMIN BLANCO
HAD, WHILE IN LEBANON LAST WEEK, EXPRESSED SYMPATHY
FOR THE PLO CAUSE. THAT EPISODE BROUGHT A PROMPT GOU
DENIAL OF A CHANGE IN MIDDLE EAST POLICY (SEE REFTTEL).
THE SUBSEQUENT SPATE OF EDITORIAL AND OTHER COMMENT

DOES LITTLE TO EASE PRESSURES ON THE GOU WHICH IS TRYING
TO WALK THE FENCE BETWEEN STRONGLY FELT PUBLIC OPINION AD IT
NE OR SOME UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ARABS WHICH WOULD
BRING IT OIL AND/R OIL MONEY.

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